THE LIBRARY IS FULL OF MYSTERY

600-page Mystery

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600 Page Mystery
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...also going to the library today?
Is Asami...
Aki Yukimura

Runc
The high school's library is always packed.
I don't like to fold the chairs up afterwards.
Because of that, I always go to the library in town.
The library is rather ...
Sigh
BUT IT'S THE LIBRARY ROOM

It's small
And it's old...
But the bookshelves up the hallway...
are always filled with donated books
I want to read this one...
I really love this old library
Also, in the library right now..
There is a very unusual librarian.
HEEYY!!...
-EH?
ASAMI-CHAN.
OVER HERE.
COME LOOK AT THIS!
SENSEI-
MIZUSHIMA -SENSEI?

A PEPPER
EHHH...
WHY IS THERE A GARDEN IN THE BACK OF THE LIBRARY!?
PEPPERS!
I JUST FINISHED PICKING THE PEPPERS!!!
PEPPERS
This person is the librarian, Mizushima-sensei
He is commonly referred to as "sensei" by everyone
Excited
Excited
FUN HOME GARDENING RECOMMENDATION!
It's fine, I got permission
READING THIS TYPE OF BOOK WAS REALLY FUN
YOU CAN REALLY DO IT
Mizushima-sensei came to this library in spring.
You see, he's somewhat unusual
Y-YEAH,
HOORAY!
ASAMI-CHAN, DO YOU WANT THEM?
BUT I CAN'T EAT PEPPERS!
Bitter
Why did you grow it?

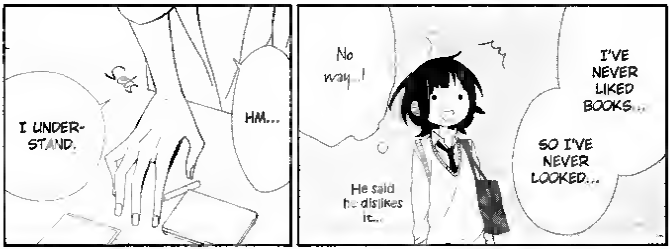
And then girls [not interested in books] flocked around him
Squeal
Squeal
Squeal
HOW OLD ARE YOU RIGHT NOW? ♡
He's 23
DO YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
Not right now
Of course he is.
IS SENSEI REALLY AN OB FROM MY HIGH SCHOOL?
*OB refers to Older-boy or Out of Bounds because he is older
SMILES
MY PURPOSE FOR COMING HERE WAS FOR THE CHILDREN, NOTHING ELSE.
WHAT TYPE OF GIRL DOES SENSEI LIKE? ♡
TYPE HUH?
Shhh
Shut up
This event is now called the "Mizushima incident".
!?
Strikes instantly
Shock
SO, WHAT IS IT YOU ALL COME HERE FOR?
Be more quiet in here

SENSEI, I'M RETURNING THIS
Detective Schneider
And that's how the library became quiet
I can look up something about waves...
Clatter
OH...
HELLO.
tap
tap
SENSEI. HELLO!
I even go to the school
OH, ANOTHER SPECIAL ABILITY TYPE
EVERYDAY YOU CHECK OUT BOOKS TO READ AND RETURN THEM ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH
THAT'S BECAUSE BOOKS ARE REALLY INTERESTING!
Squeak
Perks
!
OKAY,
I SEE HIKARI-CHAN HAS BECOME AN EXTENSIVE READER.
SENSEI ...
I WANT TO RETURN THESE.

Hey, that kid
stops
I'M RETURNING THIS.
AH,
HELLO SENSEI.
?
HELLO.
STARES
I WAS SURPRISED AT HOW MANY BOOKS YOU READ WHEN YOU FIRST CAME HERE
Shuts
BY NO MEANS DID I THINK YOU DID.
SO, IT'S LIKE I'M ACTUALLY HELPING YOU HAVE FUN, RIGHT?
OH, IT'S WHEN I RETURNED A BOOK TO STAMP.
HANKO.
SENSEI SEEMS VERY HAPPY

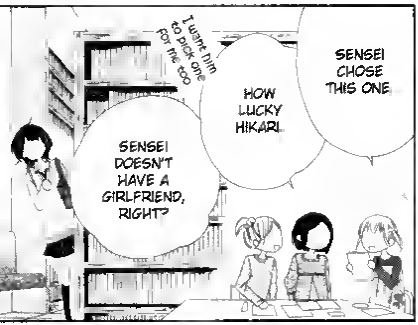
IT'S WONDERFUL.
!
...
I was just praised.
...
SHOCK
!
EXCUSE ME.

ALTHOUGH THE TEACHER ADVISED IT,
BOOKS THAT ARE SERIOUS WILL MAKE ME SLEEPY,
I'LL ABSOLUTELY NOT READ THEM.
...JUST A LITTLE FIGHT.
MY TEACHER SAID TO WRITE A REFLECTION ESSAY WITH WHAT BOOK YOU LOVE TO READ.
Oh...
...THAT LOOKS PAINFUL.
...NOT REALLY.


I UNDERSTAND.
HM...
No way...!
He said he dislikes it...
I'VE NEVER LIKED BOOKS...
SO I'VE NEVER LOOKED...

Wonderful
I also want to read a book.
Shock
Let's see then
...

That's...
Wonderful
Something that really makes me smile
EH, SENSEI, ARE YOU SERIOUS?
THIS LOOKS SO INTERESTING.
Oh,
HONK
HONK
It's really wonderful
Books are really amazing to read.
There's nothing else to it.
Hm, he's laughing.
HEY, HEY, SENSEI
THIS ONE OVER HERE TOO.
BIKES!?
AND IT'S A REAL STORY!?
What were they doing?
THIS IS A REAL STORY ABOUT 3 PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO RIDE THEIR BIKES FROM OSAKA TO HOKKAIDO
Very moving friendship
Very much!
Thank you!


I want him to pick one for me too
SENSEI CHOSE THIS ONE
HOW LUCKY HIKARI
SENSEI DOESN'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?

SMEMY
HE'S SO COOL!
SMEMY
MIZUSHIMA -SENSEI IS REALLY AMAZING, ISN'T HE?

Elementary school kids are in love with him too.
What's up with that?
WHAT ARE YOU READING?

But doesn't bother having breakfast.
SHUSHU
Maybe that's why you're aiming for it?
He has a home garden ...
How scary, he's even adored by middle schoolers.

ASAMI-CHAN?
...
staring
...?

IT'S A 600-PAGE LONG...
...SENSEI CAME
MYSTERY NOVEL.

Ah
She's switched into reading mode
I'll come back in a little while.

OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
YOU CAN'T DROP IT...
YEAH. VERY MUCH SO...

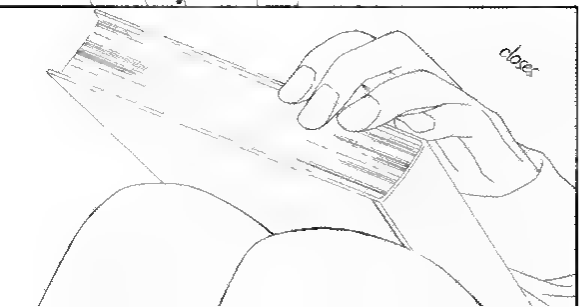
Silence...
ASA-

..?
600, HUH? THAT'S IMPRESSIVE

MYSTERY
...
A 600-PAGE...
HMMM.
...
Hm?
Sure is...

I love books.
Daze
This is a book.
The sound of a page turning...
The thickness of it, the weight and the feeling of the texture...
This is a library. I understand this, but...

The library becomes a street full of strangers,
becomes a planet,
becomes an ocean,
You can even become the god of the world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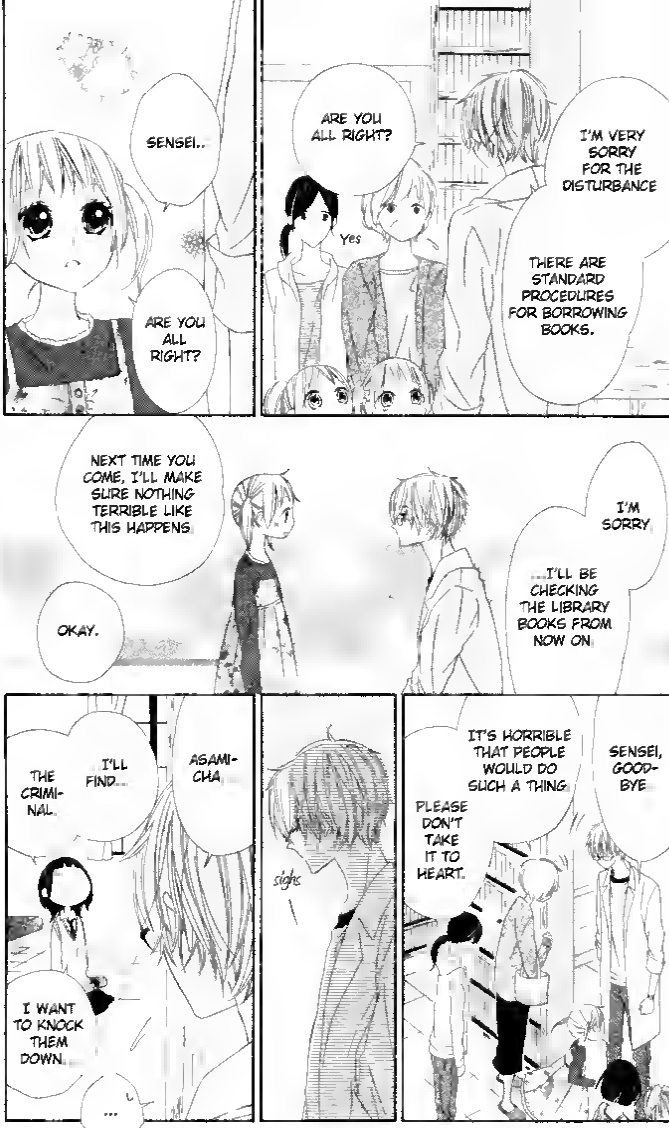
I really love books.
AH
HOW INTERESTING...
THERE'S 10 MINUTES UNTIL CLOSING TIME.
PLEASE RETURN ANY BORROWED ITEMS BEFORE YOU LEAVE
5 books today
I want to borrow the series from yesterdays book.
running
Running
From tomorrow until Saturday

Shines
The character this time...
but, just a little bit
Mystery lives in your own group
I'LL BE READING HERE ALL NIGHT...!
!?
AHH HHH !!!!!!
!?

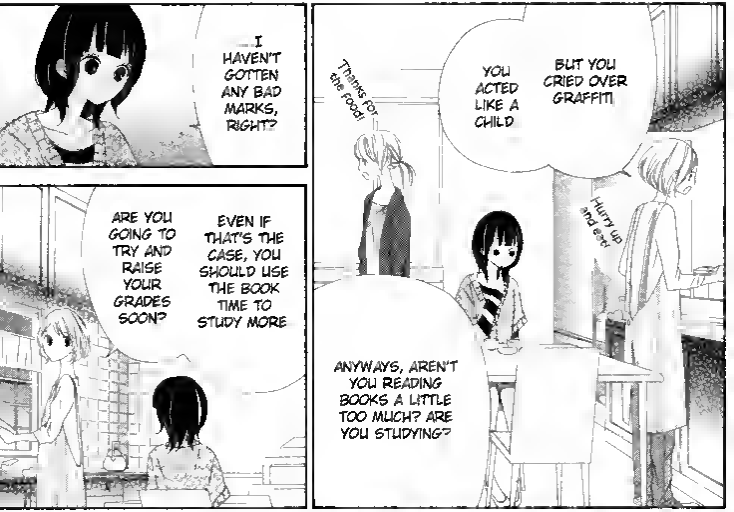
...
ASAMI-CHAN.
RUNNING
ASAMI CHAN!?
Schneider VI
Schneider
Aria
Count/Earl Gold
Tester Gold
Philip
Meyer
Jubel) criminal
Stefan
Rose Reilly
James Abel
Detective
Assistant
Gold family head
Earl Gold's wife
Steward
Housekeeper
Landscaper
Gold family friend
Doctor
Cook
HOW...
CRIMINAL...
HUH...?
EH...

Thud thud thud thud thud thud!
HOW AWFUL
EHHHH?
Huh
THE OTHER ONES TOO
GRAFFITI ...?
NO WAY
It's GRAFFITI
AH, EVEN SO,
FOR SOMETHING BAD LIKE THIS TO HAPPEN HERE
HUH?
WELL, IT'S NOT SENSEI'S FAULT
YOUHEI STOP IT!
Dark dark
MYSTERY CRUSHED ...
LET'S GO, LET'S GO...
Dark
IT'S TERROR-ISM...
Dark
HIKARI, YOU SHOULD STOP COMING TO THIS LIBRARY
EH?
B... BUT...


SENSEI..
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
Yes
I'M VERY SORRY FOR THE DISTURBANCE
THERE ARE STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR BORROWING BOOKS.
I'M SORRY
...I'LL BE CHECKING THE LIBRARY BOOKS FROM NOW ON
NEXT TIME YOU COME, I'LL MAKE SURE NOTHING TERRIBLE LIKE THIS HAPPENS.
OKAY.
ASAMI-CHA
I'LL FIND...
THE CRIMI-NAL.
I WANT TO KNOCK THEM DOWN.
...
sigh
SENSEI, GOOD-BYE
IT'S HORRIBLE THAT PEOPLE WOULD DO SUCH A THING.
PLEASE DON'T TAKE IT TO HEART.

I FEEL SORRY FOR THE BOOKS .
EVEN SO,
SUCH A THING IS SO AWFUL.
Tears
THE NEXT PERSON WON'T BE ABLE TO READ IT NOW....
Tears
Tears

Having to stay behind and get rid of them...
I could see that sensei had an apologetic expression.
I'M SORRY
Cries
And because of that, I began to cry again.
ASAMI-CHAN...
I had felt very weak.
AND THEN, TO PUT ON SUCH A FACE
IT'S UNFORTUNATE FOR SENSEI


I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY BAD MARKS, RIGHT?
ARE YOU GOING TO TRY AND RAISE YOUR GRADES SOON?
EVEN IF THAT'S THE CASE, YOU SHOULD USE THE BOOK TIME TO STUDY MORE
Thanks for the food!
YOU ACTED LIKE A CHILD
BUT YOU CRIED OVER GRAFFITI
Hurry up and eat
ANYWAYS, AREN'T YOU READING BOOKS A LITTLE TOO MUCH? ARE YOU STUDYING?

WITH ALL OF YOUR BOOKS ON THE FLOOR, I GET WORRIED THAT YOU WON'T COME OUT OF YOUR ROOM.

Smacks
MOM, CAN YOU TAKE OUT THE TUPPERWARE?
...Sensei must still be there...
By no means is it a bad thing.
It's wonderful.

knock knock
closed
NO CONVENIENCE STORES AROUND HERE DELIVER, SO...
IF YOU WOULD, PLEASE EAT.
Even though it's left-overs
IS IT OK?
I was hungry.
THANK YOU.
IT'S DELICIOUS.

PLEASE DON'T WORRY, IT'S OKAY
Job
SINCE IT'S MY JOB
...SENSEI HASN'T YET FINISHED LOOKING THROUGH ALL THE BOOKS
.. HOW WAS THE GRAFFITI?
ONLY 1/3 OF THE ROOM WAS DAMAGED
...
SENSEI
SURE IS AN ADULT...
WE WERE LUCKY THAT IT WAS ONLY WRITTEN IN PENCIL
SO WE CAN ERASE THE MARKS
Thanks for the meal
FOR NOW
Hehe

BUT I DON'T WANT TO STOP YOU FROM YOUR WORK.
I DON'T WANT TO BE A BOTHER TO YOU.
YOU SHOULDN'T GO HOME ALONE AT NIGHT WHEN THE STREETS ARE EMPTY.
ASAMI-CHAN, I CAN GIVE YOU A RIDE IN MY CAR.
EH?
IT'S OK, I RODE MY BIKE

...ASAMI-CHAN IS...
TO BOOKS
AND TO ME...
ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT OTHERS BEFORE YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU?
IT SHOWS THAT YOU HAVE A BIG HEART.
I'M HAPPY THAT YOU CAME HERE
THANK YOU.
WHAT FOR?
Pats
Wow

Ah...
What's this?
...SENSEI...
LIKE ASAMI-CHAN FOR THE FIRST TIME...
TO MEET SUCH A PERSON...
I don't want to go home yet
IF I CALL HOME,
...IS IT OK IF I STAY?
If I hadn't come, I'm sure Sensei would have been hungry

I really think that...
It was possible
OKAY.
WOW!
I FINISHED READING THE BOOKS FROM THAT AREA ALREADY.
small and quiet
...
Grabs

tears welling up
Sensei
SENSEI PLEASE DON'T GET SICK OF WORKING HERE.
I WON'T.
Chuckles
THANK GOOD-NESS.
...
SENSEI
...

SENSEI
I...
LIKE TALKING TO YOU.
...EARLIER AT HOME
I CRIED OVER THE GRAFFITI I MUST BE A STRANGE PERSON
SENSEI
PRAISED ME FOR BEING ABLE TO READ SO MANY BOOKS
AND BECAUSE OF THAT...
I'LL BE ABLE TO REMEMBER THOSE WORDS TIME AND TIME AGAIN
SOMEHOW, THAT MADE ME REALLY HAPPY.

HEH HEH.
SENSEI, THANK YOU.
I DON'T HAVE ONLY ONE DREAM
I THINK I WANT TO BE ABLE TO OWN ALL OF THESE BOOKS AND BE ABLE TO REREAD THEM
ASAMI-CHAN,
WHEN I BECOME A GRAND-FATHER,
IN A DEN WITH WISTERIA CHAIR SITTING BY THE WINDOW,
ALL OF THE PICTURE BOOKS, NOVELS, AND POETRY ...
TO READ THEM AGAIN.

RIGHT NOW, I HAVE BEEN BUYING A LOT OF BOOKS TO READ.
...HH?
IF SO, HOW WOULD I CONSIDER IT? THE FUN FROM THAT TIME...
WOULD THE STYLE STILL BE THE SAME?
AT THAT TIME, WOULD THE THOUGHTS FROM RIGHT NOW BE THE SAME?
DO YOU THINK?
EVEN THOUGH THE BOOKSHELVES AT HOME ARE FULL, I STILL COLLECT THEM.
THAT SOUNDS SO FUN!
SENSEI,
HOW NICE!
-LD...
ME TOO, ALL MY BOOKS FELL ON THE FLOOR MY MOM TO-
AHAHA

ASAMI-CHAN,
I'LL ALWAYS GIVE PRAISE TO YOU.
Heartbeat
A 600-Page Mystery

When you first read a book, it can be difficult to understand.
Conversations in an episode can come one after another,
but the story continues inside it.
and various things start emerging.

You know when someone is
beginning to speak through their eyes.
Heartbeat
Heartbeat
What
What is this feeling...?

I READ THROUGH ALL OF THE MYSTERIES.
GOOD AFTER-NOON!
GOOD WORK!
OH!
There's too many for me alone.
Oh...
Fu Fu
WHAT, I'LL EAT THEM!
LATER ON, I'M GOING TO HARVEST THE CARROTS!
Sparkles sparkles
WHY ARE YOU PROUD OF THAT?
SENSEI, ARE YOU GOING TO EAT THEM?
YES?
HEY, SENSEI!
Do you have a minute?
Overseas work
History Philosophy Religion
Hm?

TOMO, BE A LOOKOUT.
THAT GUY SENSEI WENT AND ERASED ALL OF IT.
I'LL JUST DO IT AGAIN.
YOUHEI, YOU SHOULDN'T DO THAT.
STOP IT ALREADY!
GRABS
IT...
UNTIL MIZUSHIMA QUITS, I'LL KEEP DOING...
BUT...
BU...
HEY GO ALREADY!
!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
THAT IS...
HEY!

SENSEI, THERE'S TROUBLE!
LET ME GO!
LIAR!
BANG
WE DIDN'T DO ANY-THING... IDIOT!
I SAW WHAT YOU GUYS WERE DOING.
HURRIES
HURRIES
IT WAS STUPID KIDS LIKE YOU WHO WROTE GRAFFITI!
TO THE AUTHORS, THE PUBLISHERS, AND EVEN THE BOOK FOR THAT MATTER...
AND TO PEOPLE LIKE ME AND...
MIZUSHIMA-SENSEI WHO WERE HURT!!!
APOLOGIZE FOR YOUR MISTAKE!!

You bastard!
Squeezes
OW OW OW OW...
IT HURTS.
Grabs
!
!
separates
...
I'M VERY SORRY.
YOU'LL INJURE YOURSELF IF YOU HIT ONE OF THE BOOK-SHELVES.
THERE IS NO FIGHTING IN THE LIBRARY

MIZUSHIMA -SENSEI WAS...
IT'S NOT FAIR.
IT...
MAKING FRIENDS WITH HIKARI-CHAN
UM.
TOMO!
WE ALL WERE
SE...
SENSEI ...
HM?
UM...
I'M VERY SORRY.
...
I'M ....
THAT'S WHY...
I'M VERY SORRY...
SO PLEASE HANDLE THEM MORE CAREFULLY.
A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE AFFECTED BY THE EXISTENCE OF THESE BOOKS.
...SO THEN, IN THE BOOKS
THIS GIRL SAID THAT SHE SAW YOU DO IT.

Surprised
"HIKARI-CHAN"...
DIDN'T COME TODAY...
OKAY...
...
SE-
SENSEI.
Urgh
UM
PLEASE DON'T TELL HIKARI ABOUT THIS.
IF IT'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO YOU,
YOU SHOULD COME FIND ME PERSONALLY NEXT TIME.
THAT'S WHAT BEING A MAN IS.

And thus...

The graffiti incidents were over

surprised
I MUST HAVE TROUBLED SENSEI
I'M SORRY
ARE YOU STILL FEELING DOWN?
I MADE THE PROBLEM WORSE.
SENSEI WAS BOTHERED.
YOU EVEN SAW SOMETHING TERRRIBLE
I NEVER THOUGHT SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
REALLY
..I DIDN'T THINK THAT.
HEY NOW, DON'T WORRY
ASAMI-CHAN'S TEARS ARE
DON'T CRY
ASAMI-CHAN WILL WITHER AWAY, DON'T YOU THINK?
ALWAYS SO TENDER.

Squeezes
AWW...
ENOUGH ALREADY!
IT MAKES ME WANT TO HOLD YOU TIGHTLY.
I'LL GIVE YOU SOME WATER.
ASAMI-CHAN,
SENSEI ?
SE..
Heartbeat

I'll always give you praise.
... SENSEI
THEREFORE, I'LL BE CLOSE TO YOU.
SO THAT YOUR HEART WON'T WITHER,
How wonderful!
You have a big heart.
AH..
I'LL ALWAYS BE THE ONE WHO WILL GIVE YOU WATER, WON'T I?
I'LL GIVE YOU WATER.
No matter how many times it takes, I'll remember.
Blushes

...
SENSEI.

I finally understand.

A 600-page mystery.

A WINDOW IN THE DEN...
WITH TWO WISTERIA CHAIRS.
PLEASE PUT OUT OBAA-SAN'S CHAIR TOO.
Sensei, I really love you.
end

Need...more...staff...

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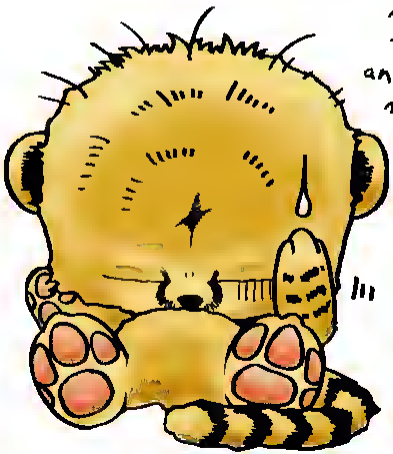

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